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Let's Build a Bridge STATE ROUTE 18 AT BIG BEAR DAM

Big Bear – Caltrans will begin the \$39 million project to rebuild a new bridge over the Big Bear Dam on State Route 18 (SR-18) at State Route 38 (SR-38). Flatiron Construction, Inc. will start placing construction signs this week. Lane closures with flagging will take place on February 9, 10, and 11 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to place concrete barriers (k-rail) and restripe the lanes for construction. The delays are expected to be 20 minutes or less. Clearing and grubbing for the project will begin the following week. *All work is weather permitting and schedules are subject to change.*

The new structure will be located on the south side of the dam. The project will also realign the roadway, construct three 12-foot travel lanes (one westbound lane will have a right turn option), 10-foot shoulders, and a 5-foot American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk on one side of the bridge. The intersection of SR-18 and SR-38 will be signalized.

Please be advised that workers will be on the roadway exposed to traffic. Caltrans asks for your cooperation, patience, and conscientious driving.

The department thanks the community for their continued support of the project. For future information on the project and to avoid any traffic impacts please sign up for project alerts at www.caltrans8.info and go to "CT Connect". Additional updates will be provided as the project progresses.

Slow for the cone zone!

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